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BEIRUT FOR AGATT PITCHER

ROME FODAG FOR JOHN WEIDERT

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP (BUTZ, EARL)

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO SYRIA - ITINERARY

REF: A. STATE 240708; B. STATE 239617; C. 89 MAW ANDREWS

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1. FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SARG MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF SYRIAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY BUTZ' VISIT NOV 11 TO 13 TO DAMASCUS, PLANNING PROGRAM FOR VISIT IS AS FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL DAMASCUS TIME):

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1630 AR. DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIA

SAM 24125 FROM CAIRO, 18 MILES FROM

DAMASCUS CENTER AND EMBASSY. MET

BY SYRIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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MURSIL ABOU-OMAR (BIO IN DAMASCUS 2586)

AND OTHER LOWER RANKING SYRIAN OFFICIALS.
ARRIVAL TEMPERATURE EXPECTED TO BE AROUND 65
DEGREES; LIGHT SHOWERS COULD UNEXPECTEDLY
FALL AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

CAR ASSIGNMENTS FOR AIRPORT TO DAMASCUS DRIVE,
APPROX. 30 MINUTES.

CAR NO 1. SECURITY

CAR NO. 2 (WITH PORTABLE RADIO, ARMORED EMBASSY
BEIRUT CHRYSLER SEDAN); SECRETARY BUTZ, MINISTER
ABOU-OMAR, AMBASSADOR MURPHY.

CAR NO 3. MRS. BUTZ, MRS. ABOU-OMAR (IF AT AIRPORT),
MRS. MURPHY, TRANSLATOR.

MONDAY, NOV 11: CAR NO. 4: MRS. BROCK, MRS. PTCHER, MR.
BROCK, MR PITCHER

CAR NO 5: MR. HUME, MR. WEIDERT, MR. HALE,
MR. WRIGHT (EMBASSY ECON/CML OFF) AND CONTROL
OFFICER).

CAR NO 6: MR. WEST, MR GIFFORD, MR. CARAS,
MR. HOLWAY (IPS).

CAR NO 7: SECURITY

SEPARATE CARS FOR LUGGAGE AND CREW WHO
PROCEED TO GRAND HOTEL PER DAMASCUS 2549
FOR NIGHT OF NOV 11.

1700-1715 PARTY ARRIVES AT ACCOMMODATIONS (PLACES TO
BE CONFIRMED BY SARG ON NOV 7).

1715-2045 REST STOP. AMBASSADOR MURPHY, EMBASSY
STAFF AND AGRATT PITCHER TO BE AVAILABLE
FOR BRIEFING SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY IF SO DESIRED.

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2045 DEPART FOR DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND MRS. MURSIL ABOU-OMAR AT ORIENT CLUB, NOT
MORE THAN 10 MINUTES FROM ACCOMMODATIONS.
DRESS: BUSINESS SUITS; NO LONG DRESSES REQUIRED,
BUT INFORMAL LONG DRESSES MAY BE WORN IF DESIRED.

MONDAY, NOV 11: SHORT REMARKS OR TOAST BY SECRETARY (ALSO TO BE
TRANSLATED) WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN RESPONSE TO

POSSIBLE REMARKS BY MINISTER ABOU-OMAR.

2100 DINNER: USG GUESTS (IN PROTOCOL ORDER):

SECRETARY AND MRS BUTZ
AMBASSADOR AND MRS MURPHY
MR HUME
MR WEST
MR. & MRS SCOTES, DCM
MR. GIFFORD
MR & MRS. KENTON KEITH, PAO
MR. & MRS PITCHER, AGRATT
MR & MRS. WRIGHT, ECON/CML
MR. WEIDERT
MR. GNEHM, POLITICAL OFFICER
MR & MRS BROCK
MR. HALE (TOTAL: 20)

TRANSLATORS: TWO FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
TWO FROM EMBASSY WILL BE AVAILABLE.

SECURITY WILL JOIN PARTY IN DINING ROOM AREA,
BUT NOT AT TABLE.

2230 DINNER ENDS AND RETURN TO ACCOMMODATIONS.

TUESDAY, NOV 12:

0800 DEPART FOR COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE ABOU-OMAR.

0815-0900 COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER ABOU-OMAR. USG
ATTENDING: SECRETARY BUTZ, AMBASSADOR MURPHY,
MRSSRS. HUME, WEST, GIFFORD, PITCHER, WRIGHT,
AND EMBASSY TRANSLATOR.

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0900-0915 TRANSPORT WITH SAME PERSONS TO NEXT APPOINTMENT.

0915-0950 CALL ON MINISTER OF PLANNING DR. NOURALLAH
NOURALLAH (SEE BIO IN DAMASCUS 2586)

0950-1000 WALK TWO MINUTES WITH SAME PERSONS TO NEXT
APPOINTMENT.

1000-1045 CALL ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE,
DR. MOHAMAD IMDI
(SEE BIO IN DAMASCUS 2586).

1045-1100 TRANSPORT TO NEXT APPOINTMENT.

1100-1145 CALL ON EUPHRATES DAM MINISTER SUBHI AL-KALALEH
(SEE BIO IN DAMASCUS 2586).

1145-1200 TRANSPORT TO NEXT APPOINTMENT.

1200-1300 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER MAHMUD AL-AYYUBI AND
POSSIBLY ALSO DEPUTY

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TUESDAY, NOV 12: PRIME MINISTER MOHAMAD HAYDAR
(IN SAME BUILDING) (BIOS IN
DAMASCUS 2586).

(COMMENT: SARG HAS INSISTED ON THESE CALLS. WE REGRET
THEIR NUMBER BUT ONLY WAY TO REDUCE WOULD BE JOINT MEETING
WITH ABOU-OMAR (ARABIC ONLY), NOURALLAH (ARABIC AND FRENCH),
IMADI AND KAHALEH (BOTH EXCELLENT ENGLISH). LANGUAGE
PROBLEMS AT SUCH A GROUP MEETING WOULD RENDER IT MUCH

LESS WORTHWHILE THAN INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH KEY
MINECON IMADI AND EUPHRATES DAM MISISTER KAHALEH WHOSE
PROJECT IS CORNERSTONE OF SYRIAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND
ALSO THE SECTOR AT TOP OF SARG LIST FOR POSSIBLE US
TECHNICAL AND PROJECT ASSISTANCE.)

TUESDAY, NOV 12:

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QEPPAQEQTC SECRETARY BUTZ, AMBASSADOR MURPHY,
AND MR. HUME PROCEED TO PRIVATE
LUNCHEON WITH MRS. BUTZ AND MRS.
MURPHY.

LUNCHEON(S) TO BE ARRANGED FOR
REMAINDER OF GROUP.

15-1630 SIGHTSEEING IN DAMASCUS (ARRANGED BY
EMBASSY), SCHEDULE TO BE PROVIDED;
TO INCLUDE FOR SECRETARY AND MRS.
BUTZ PART OF SUQ HAMADIEH, OMAYYAD
MOSQUE, AZEM PALACE, AND ST. PAUL'S WINDOW.

1645 SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ RETURN TO
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR REST AND REFRESH-
MENT. SECRETARY BUTZ AND MRS. BUTZ MAY
ALSO WISH TO HAVE DRINKS AT RESIDENCE WHILE
EXACT TIME OF SECRETARY'S AND AMBASSADOR'S
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD IS ESTABLISHED
(NOW IN 1700 TO 200 TIME FRAME).

2030 DINNER AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR
AND MRS. MURPHY. USG GUESTS AND DRESS ARE
SAME AS PREVIOUS NIGHT; SYRIAN GUESTS TO
INCLUDE BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
SECTOR. SHORT REMARKS BY SECRETARY (ALSO
TO BE TRANSLATED) MAY BE MADE, DEPENDING ON
WHETHER SIMILAR PROCEDURE FOLLOWED AT SYRIAN-
HOSTED DINNER PREVIOUS EVENING.

2230 DINNER ENDS AND RETURN TO ACCOMMODATIONS.

23\$,3 \$-6, NOV 13:

0900 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

0930-1000 DEPARTURE FAREWELL AT AIRPORT VIP
LOUNGE BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
MURSIL ABOU-OMAR.

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QPPP DEPARTURE OF SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ
AND PARTY ABOARD SAM 24125 FOR ROME.

2. MRS. BUTZ' PROGRAM SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS, TO INCLUDE MRS.
BUTZ, MRS. MURPHY, MRS. BROCK, MRS. PITCHER AND FOUR SYRIAN
WIVES (NAMES TO BE PROVIDED LATER, TWO FROM MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, TWO FROM MINISTRY OF TOURISM):

TUESDAY, NOV 12:

0900-1000 VISIT DAMASCUS MUSEUM AND ADJACENT
ARTISANS/HANDICRAFT CENTER.

1015-1245 FURTHER SIGHTSEEING, POSSIBLY TO
INCLUDE SITT ZAYNEB MOSQUE,(SEVEN
KM FROM DAMASCUS), SUQ FOR SHOPPING, ETC.

1315 MRS. BUTZ JOINS SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR,
AND MRS. MURPHY AND MR. HUME FOR PRIVATE
LUNCHEON. LUNCHEON(S) TO BE ARRANGED
FOR REMAINDER OF GROUP.

1500-1630 MRS. BUTZ AND SECRETARY TOUR DAMASCUS
SIGHTS, AS ABOVE, AND REMAINDER OF
SCHEDULE AS ABOVE EXCEPT FOR SECRETARY'S
AND AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PRESIDENT.

3. DRESS: CLEAR, SOMEWHAT COOL, 65 TO 75 DEGREE(F)
WEATHER EXPECTED, EVENINGS AROUND 65 DEGREES. WE COULD
HAVE UNPREDICTABLE SHOWERS TO END CURRENT SEVEN-MONTH
(NORMAL) DRY SPELL. SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING REQUIRE
FAIRLY STURDY WOMENS' SHOES TO BE COMFORTABLE. NO FORMAL
DRESS OR DINNER JACKETS REQUIRED FOR MEN, AND NO FORMAL
DRESSES REQUIRED FOR WOMEN.

4. GIFTS: PROTOCOL OFFICE, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ADVISES
GIFT EXCHANGE ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.
JOHN WEIDERT: PLEASE PROVIDE DESCRIPTION AND COST OF SECRETARY
BUTZ' GIFT SO WE MAY PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO SYRIAN
AGRICULTURE MINISTER. WE RECOMMEND IN \$50.00 RANGE.

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TM VISAS: ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS ARE WAIVED FOR THIS VISIT,
AS IS CUSTOMS PROCESSING FOR PARTY.

6. AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON SYRIA BEING CABLED
BY BEIRUT; BIO MATERIAL IN SEPTTEL (DAMASCUS 2586). SUGGESTED
ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE REMARKS TO FOLLOW IN DAMASCUS SEPTTELS.

7. ARRIVAL TIME: REF C AGREED WITH DAYLIGHT ARRIVAL, I.E.,
1630 LOCAL NOV 11, WHILE REF A STILL HAS OLD ARRIVAL TIME
OF 1830 LOCAL. STATE AND 89 MAW PLEASE JOINTLY CONFIRM 1630
ETA AS WE HAVE TO GIVE SYRIAN MINISTER THIS EXACT INFO.

8. CONTROL OFFICERS:

SECRETARY'S PARTY: RODERICK M. WRIGHT, ECON/CML OFFICER,
RES. TEL: 332.598.

ADMINISTRATION: FRANCIS MCCORMICK, ADMIN COUNSELOR,
RES. TEL. 337105.

AIRCRAFT AND CREW: GARY E. LEE, GSO, RES. TEL. 554226

9. TELEPHONES:

EMBASSY 332.315, 332.814 (24-HOUR SERVICE VIA MARINE
GUARD).

AMBASSADOR: RESIDENCE 336.087

DCM SCOTES: RESIDENCE 332.912

PAO KEITH: NO RESIDENCE TELEPHONE

SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ ACCOMMODATIONS NUMBERS TO BE PROVIDED.

NEW OMAYYAD HOTEL 117.700; ROOM LIST TO BE PROVIDED FOR
THIS AND OTHER HOTELS AS NECESSARY FOR OFFICIAL PARTY.

GRAND HOTEL FOR CREW NOVEMBER 11, 116.666.

AIRPORT HOTEL FOR CREW NOVEMBER 12, 225.400

AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE (TO BE PROVIDED).
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QPM EXCHANGE RATE: \$1.00 EQUALS SYRIAN POUNDS (LS) 3.65.
LS 1 EQUALS \$.27, ETC.

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TO ARRIVAL (STATE 239945).
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